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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER RULE 1.322

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.322, Patentees, through their attorneys, respectfully request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-referenced patent.

The errors occurred as a result of mistakes on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office, and the changes include the following:

In the Specification:

Col. 2, line 42 Please delete "(4c)" and insert --4(c)-- in its place.

[Specification, page 3, line 29]

Col. 7, line 57 Please delete "A" and insert --λ-- in its place.

[Specification, page 12, line 22]

Col. 10, line 23 Please delete " θ " and insert – f – in its place.

[Specification, page 16, line 28]

Col. 10, line 26 Please delete two occurrences of " θ " and insert -- f -- in

each of the two places. [Specification, page 16, line 30]

Col. 10, line 27 Please delete " θ " and insert -- f -- in its place.

[Specification, page 17, line 2]

Col. 10, line 28 Please delete three occurrences of " θ " and insert -- f --

in each of the three places. [Specification, page 17, line 2]

REMARKS

It is believed that an issuance of a Certificate of Correction would be appropriate to correct the above clerical error(s). A Certificate of Correction incorporating the above-delineated change(s) is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that error(s) appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the Specification:

Col. 2, line 42	Please delete "(4c)" and insert4(c) in its place,

Col. 7, line 57 Please delete "A" and insert
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-- in its place.

Col. 10, line 23 Please delete "
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" and insert -- f -- in its place.

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